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LETTER

FROM THE

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Secretary of the Treasury,

ACCOMPANYING THE COPY OF A LETTER

FROM THE

Commissioners of the City of Washington,

IN THE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

AND SUNDRY STATEMENTS MARKED

A, B, C, D AND E,

EXHIBITING A VIEW OF THE (RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES)
OF ALL MONIES ENTRUSTED TO THEM ;

A L S O,

OF THE PROGRESS AND STATE OF THE BUSINESS, AND
OF THE FUNDS UNDER THEIR ADMINISTRATION,

FROM THE 18th OF MAY, 1790, TO THE 18th
OF NOVEMBER FOLLOWING.



11th DECEMBER, 1798.
ORDERED TO LIE ON THE TABLE.



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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

DECEMBER 11th, 1798.

SIR,

IN obedience to the act entitled "An Act authorizing a loan for the use of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes therein mentioned," I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Commissioners of said City, with sundry documents marked A, B, C, D and E, exhibiting a view of the Receipts and Expenditures of all monies entrusted to them; and also of the progress and state of the business, and of the funds under their administration, from the 18th of May, 1798, to the 18th of November following.

I have the honor to be,

Most respectfully,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

OLIVER WOLCOTT.

The Honorable the Speaker of }
the House of Representatives. }



WASHINGTON, 20th NOVEMBER, 1798.

SIR,

AGREEABLY to the act of Congress, entitled "An Act authorizing a loan for the use of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes therein mentioned," we transmit to you a statement of our accounts, and the progress of the public buildings, from the 18th of May last, to the 18th instant. Since our last return, we have contracted for, and commenced the building of one of the executive offices, agreeably to the plan approved by the late President. The contractor has engaged to complete this building, except plastering and painting, by the first of November, 1799, and to finish it by the first of July, 1800, for the sum of thirty-nine thousand five hundred and eleven dollars, and has given sufficient sureties for the punctual performance of his contract.

We have the honor to be,

With much respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

(Signed)

GUSTAVUS SCOTT,
WILLIAM THORNTON,
ALEXANDER WHITE.

SECRETARY of the }
TREASURY. }

ACCOUNT of Receipts and Expenditures by the Commissioners of the Federal Buildings in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, from the 18th May, 1798, to the 18th November, 1798.

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RECEIPTS.

EXPENDITURES.

	Dols.	Cts.
For lots sold prior to the act of Congress authorising a loan for the use of the City of Washington,	2,834	28
Lots sold since the said act of Congress,	1,530	18
	<u>4,364</u>	<u>46</u>
On loan from the United States, in part,	30,000	00
Loan from the Bank of Columbia,	6,000	00
Loan from the Bank of Alexandria,	3,000	00
Loan from the State of Maryland of six per cent stock of the United States, being for part of said stock sold,	6,000	00
	<u>45,000</u>	<u>00</u>
For interest on stock borrowed of the State of Maryland,	1,561	02
Balance of a bond of the builder of a stone bridge over Rock Creek, which bond was given on compromise for defective work on the said bridge,	608	21
Materials not wanted, or unfit for use at the public buildings sold,	39	61
Engraved plans of the City of Washington sold,	6	00
Rent of a foundation stone quarry on public ground,	20	00

ON CAPITOL.—		Dols.	Cts.
For wages of superintendent, artificers, and labourers,		13,245	80
Timber, plank, scantling and scaffold poles,		6,634	55
Piglead,		2,495	38
Ironmongery and blackfinith's work,		1,060	58
Bricks,		578	24
Hauling materials,		917	72
Freight and wharfage for materials and provisions,		80	54
Lime and sand,		251	36
White-lead, oil, paints and brushes,		330	48
Freestone,		105	31
Rope,		97	00
Salted fish for labourers,		120	00
Fuel for do.		23	00
Small slate used in setting freestone,		22	50
Sundry small incidental articles,		33	28
		<u>25,995</u>	<u>74</u>

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE.—		Dols.	Cts.
For wages of superintendent, artificers, and labourers,		4,729	43
Slate to cover the roof,		736	97
Do. used in setting freestone,		22	50
Ironmongery and blacksmith's work,		162	55
Hauling materials,		98	74
Scantling,		38	10
Lime,		63	50
Freestone,		40	00
White-lead, oil, paints and brushes,		92	44
Salted fish,		40	00
Sundry small incidental articles,		20	69
		<u>6,044</u>	<u>92</u>

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.—		Dols.	Cts.
Paid on account contract for the building thereof,		12,714	24

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.—		Dols.	Cts.
For salaries of commissioners, their clerks and a servant,		3,435	00
Stationary,		5	45
Fuel,		26	19
		<u>3,466</u>	<u>64</u>

SURVEYING DEPARTMENT.—		Dols.	Cts.
For wages of surveyors and their assistants,		936	62
Fuel,		25	18
		<u>961</u>	<u>80</u>

CITY OF WASHINGTON.—		Dols.	Cts.
For salary of a principal overseer,		425	00
Discounts and commissions,		207	50
Recording squares,		119	61
Printing and postage,		106	10
Keeping a horse, travelling expences of expresses, and sundry small incidental articles,		120	27
		<u>978</u>	<u>48</u>

HOSPITAL for sick yearly Labourers.—		Dols.	Cts.
For nurses attendance,		60	00
Provisions and fuel for the sick,		56	54
Groceries,		21	45
		<u>137</u>	<u>99</u>

FREESTONE QUARRY, at Aquia in Virginia,		Dols.	Cts.
For rent thereof one year,		120	00

GROUND appropriated to public use, Paid the original proprietors thereof, STATE of MARYLAND,		Dols.	Cts.
For 6 months interest on 200,000 dols. six per cent stock of the United States, borrowed of said state,		6,000	00

DRAWBRIDGE over Rock Creek, Paid the builder thereof in full, CONTRACTS for Materials and Provisions,		Dols.	Cts.
Paid on account, for freestone,		933	69
Salted pork,		400	00
		<u>1,333</u>	<u>69</u>

CASH in the Commissioners' hands on the 18th May, 1798.	12,730	98
	<u>Dollars, 64,330</u>	<u>28</u>

CASH in the Commissioners' hands 18th November, 1798,	1,750	45
	<u>Dollars, 64,330</u>	<u>28</u>

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE,
CITY OF WASHINGTON, 20th of November, 1798.
Errors excepted.
(Signed) THOMAS MUNROE, Clerk Commissioners.

(B.)

STATEMENT of the Funds under the administration of the Commissioners of the Federal Buildings, in the City of Washington, on the 18th November, 1798.

FUNDS.	Amount of principal now due.		Amount of principal becoming due in 1798.		Amount of principal becoming due in 1799.		Amount of principal becoming due in 1800.		Total Amount.	
	Dols.	Cts.	Dols.	Cts.	Dols.	Cts.	Dols.	Cts.	Dols.	Cts.
Sales of lots prior to the act of Congress, authorising a loan for the use of the City of Washington, -	131,432	16	-	-	68,671	43	60,571	43	268,675	02
Sales of lots since the said act of Congress, -	2,602	21	154	87	3,503	57	2,081	18	8,341	83
Loan from the United States, receivable in the year 1799,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	00
Net six pr. cent stock of the United States, on account of which 6,000 dols. have been received from the Bank of Columbia, and stock ordered to be sold to reimburse it,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,709	74
Balance due on a bond given for the purchase money of a parcel of ground adjoining the causeway between Rock Creek and the river Potomak, which ground was ceded for use of the City of Washington, in consideration of the late commissioners agreeing to make said causeway, and build a bridge over Rock Creek, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,545	59
Notes of hand for balances due from sundry contractors for materials and provisions not delivered, and for the purchase money of materials not wanted, or unfit for use at the public buildings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	498	35
Cash in the hands of the commissioners,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,750	45
	134,034	37	154	87	72,175	00	70,652	61	383,520	98

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE,

CITY OF WASHINGTON, 20th November, 1798.

Errors excepted.

(Signed)

THOMAS MUNROE, Clerk Commissioners.

(C.)

REPORT of JAMES HOBAN, Superintendent of the
President's House, of the progress of that Building,
from the 18th of May, to the 18th of November,
1798.

THE balustrade and chimnies have been finished—The people are now cleaning down and painting the wall of the building, and striking the scaffolds. The flating has been finished, and the flaters are now taking down their scaffolds.

The mahogany doors of the President's house are all finished.

Stone remaining on hand.

400 feet of wrought ashlar, intended for arch walls.

240 tons of free-stone in a quarried state.

True copy of the original report filed in the Commissioners Office.

(Signed)

THOMAS MUNROE, Clerk Commissioners.

(D.)

REPORT of JAMES HOBAN, Surveyor of the Treasury
Office, of the progress of that Building to the 18th
of November, 1798.

THE foundation of that building, which is 147 feet long, and 57 feet 6 inches wide, is dug out, and the clay carted to a proper distance.

The rough stone walls of half the building are to the height to receive the first floor of joist, and the other half to the height of 7 feet all round.

The free-stone for facing the basement story from the surface level to base course of building, are all prepared, and some of them set.

The stock and place bricks are all moulded, and 480 thousand of them are burnt and delivered.

The plank and shingles for the building are all delivered, except a few thousand particular flooring plank, which with the scantling, are contracted for, and in forwardness for delivery.

The greatest part of the large timber is delivered. The hair for plastering and a considerable quantity of nails are provided.

The necessary sheds, lime houses and work shops are provided, and the fast-frames, sashes, doors and shutters are in forwardness.

(Signed)

JAMES HOBAN.

WASHINGTON, November 19th, 1798.

True copy of the original report filed in the Commissioners Office.

(Signed)

THOMAS MUNROE, Clerk Commissioners.

(E.)

REPORT of JAMES HOBAN, Superintendent of the Capitol, of the progress of that Building, from the 18th of May, to the 18th of November, 1798.

PART of the roof has been framed, and the whole roof is now raised, boarded, shingled and painted. The platforms to roof, water carriages and gutters are all laid and leaded.

The girders to floor over Senate chamber are trussed, the framing prepared, and now putting up.

The ceiling joists are put up for plastering, in Representatives chamber, in the apartments for committees, in lobby, and in north and east vestibules.

The bridging joists are laid in north vestibule, and in three committee rooms ready for the floors.

Part of the window-frames and sashes are made, and the remainder are preparing.

The doors are making for the entrances from principal staircase and lobby to Senate chamber and committee rooms.

The covering to electric staircase, to lobby and back staircase is finished ready for plastering.

STONE WORK.

Part of the cornice has been worked, and the whole of the cornice has been put up to the building.

The zoclo, plinth, base and pedestals are all set for balustrade, and the balustrade finished to the east front.

Tops prepared for six chimneys.

Railing for balustrade prepared, 556 feet superficial.

Ballusters prepared, 11.

Free-stone remaining on hand not wanted, 499 ton.

BRICK WORK.

All the external and internal walls and chimneys are carried up to their full height.

The main sewer and sink, &c. to convey the water from the building is finished. Bricks remaining on hand, 30,000.

PLANK AND TIMBER.

50,176 feet of northern clear pine on hand, from one to two inches thick, for inside trimming to doors and windows.

105,059 feet of best yellow pine on hand, from one to two inches thick, for flooring and inside finishing.

2,080 cubic feet of yellow pine timber for bridging joists.

40,000 shingles remaining on hand, not now wanted.

(Signed)

JAMES HOBAN.

True copy of the original report filed in the Commissioners Office.

(Signed)

THOMAS MUNROE, Clerk Commissioners.

27th Dec 1881

Dear Mother

I received your letter of the 25th and was glad to hear from you

and to hear that you were all well

I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you all the same

I have not much news to write at present

I am sure you will be glad to hear from me

I must close for this time

Love from your affectionate son

John Smith

123 Main Street

London

